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Chapter 1
Introducing the Motherboard

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the **A78F2P-M2** motherboard. This motherboard is a high performance, enhanced function motherboard that supports socket FM2+ 906P Kaveri/FM2 904P Richland for AMD processors for high-end business or personal desktop markets.

The motherboard is based on AMD A78 Bolton express chipset for best desktop platform. The memory controller supports DDR3 memory DIMM frequencies of 2133MHz (FM2+)*1/1866MHz (FM2)*1. It supports two DDR3 slots with maximum memory size of 32 GB. One PCI Express x16 slot, intended for Graphics Interface, is fully compliant to the PCI Express Gen3 (version 3.0)*2. In addition, two PCI Express x1 slots and one v2.3 PCI slot are supported.

It integrates USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 interface, supporting up to ten USB 2.0 ports (six USB 2.0 ports at the rear panel and two USB 2.0 headers support additional four USB 2.0 ports) and four USB 3.0 ports (two USB 3.0 ports at the rear panel and one USB 3.0 header supports additional two USB 3.0 ports). The gray USB 2.0 header provides EZ charger technology, please refer to Front Panel USB 2.0 headers of chapter 2 for more details. This motherboard integrates a Serial ATA host controller, supporting six SATA ports with maximum transfer rate up to 6Gb/s each.

There is an full set of I/O ports in the rear panel, including PS/2 mouse and keyboard combo connectors, one D-sub (VGA) port, one DVI port, one HDMI port (Co-lay with DP port), six USB 2.0 ports, two USB 3.0 ports, one LAN port, three audio jacks for microphone, line-in and 6-ch line-out.

**1. Due to the limitation of chipset spec, it supports up to 2133/1866 MHz, 1.5V memory with a single DIMM per channel.*

**2. FM2+ APU supports PCI Express Gen3, FM2 APU supports PCI Express Gen2.*

Package Contents

Your motherboard package ships with the following items:

- ❑ A78F2P-M2 Motherboard
- ❑ Quick Installation Guide
- ❑ User Manual
- ❑ DVD
- ❑ I/O Shield
- ❑ 2 SATA 6Gb/s Cables

The package contents above are for reference only, please take the actual package items as standard.

Specifications

CPU	• Socket FM2+906P Kaveri/FM2 904P Richland for AMD processors • Supports CPU up to 125W TDP *Note: Please go to ECS website for the latest CPU support list.*
Chipset	• AMD A78 Bolton Chipset
Memory	• Dual-channel DDR3 memory architecture • 2 x 240-pin DDR3 UDIMM sockets support up to 32 GB • Supports DDR3 2133MHz (FM2+)*/1866MHz (FM2)* DDR3 SDRAM *Note: *Due to the limitation of chipset spec, it supports up to 2133/1866 MHz, 1.5V memory with a single DIMM per channel.* *Please go to ECS website for the latest CPU support list.*
Expansion Slots	• 1 x PCI Express x16 Gen3* slot • 2 x PCI Express x1 slots • 1 x PCI slot *Note: *FM2+ APU supports PCI Express Gen3, FM2 APU supports PCI Express Gen2.*
Storage	• Supported by AMD A78 Bolton - 6 x Serial ATA 6Gb/s connectors
Audio	• Realtek ALC662 48P 6-Ch High Definition audio CODEC - Compliant with HD audio specification
LAN	• Realtek RTL8111G
Rear Panel I/O	• 1 x PS/2 keyboard and mouse combo connector • 1 x D-Sub port (VGA) • 1 x DVI port • 1 x HDMI port (Co-lay with DP port) • 6 x USB 2.0 ports • 2 x USB 3.0 ports • 1 x RJ45 LAN connector • 1 x Audio port (Line in, Line out, Mic_in Rear)
Internal I/O Connectors & Headers	• 1 x 24-pin ATX Power Supply connector • 1 x 4-pin 12V Power connector • 1 x 4-pin CPU_FAN connector • 2 x 4-pin SYS_FAN connectors • 2 x USB 2.0 headers support additional four USB 2.0 ports (F_USB1 supports EZ Charger function) • 1 x USB 3.0 header supports additional two USB 3.0 ports • 6 x Serial SATA 6Gb/s connectors • 1 x COM header • 1 x Case open header • 1 x SPDIF out header • 1 x TPM header • 1 x Front Panel audio header • 1 x Front Panel switch/LED header

	•	1 x Speaker header • 1 x Parallel port header(LPT) • 1 x Clear CMOS jumper
System BIOS	•	AMI BIOS with 32Mb SPI Flash ROM - Supports Plug and Play, STR (S3)/STD (S4) - Supports ACPI & DMI - Supports Hardware Monitor - Audio, LAN, can be disabled in BIOS - F7 hot key for boot up devices option - Supports PaUp clear CMOS Hotkey (Has PS2 KB Model only)
AP/Bundled Software Support	•	Supports eBLU*1/eDLU/eSF*1/EZ Charger • 3rd Party Bundled Software: Cyberlink Media Suite*2/Norton Anti Virus*2/Muzee*2/MAGIX*2 *Note: *1Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 is required.* **2Free bundle software is including ECS DVD: Cyberlink Media Suite/Norton Anti Virus/Muzee/MAGIX*
Form Factor	•	Micro-ATX Size, 244mm x 210mm

Motherboard Components

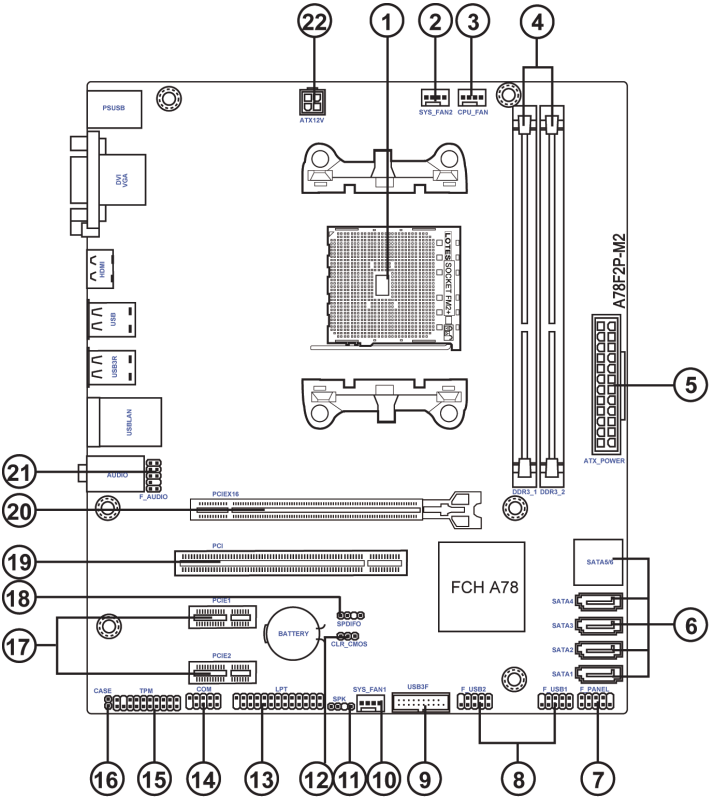
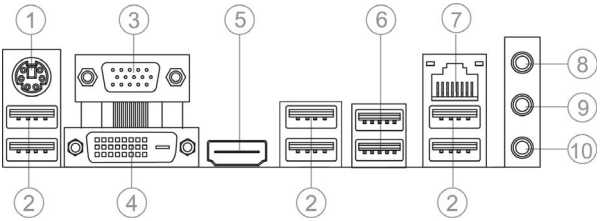


Table of Motherboard Components

LABEL	COMPONENTS
1. CPU Socket	FM2+ 906P Kaveri/FM2 904P Richland for AMD processors
2. SYS_FAN2	4-pin System cooling fan connector
3. CPU_FAN	4-pin CPU cooling fan connector
4. DDR3_1~2	240-pin DDR3 SDRAM slots
5. ATX_POWER	Standard 24-pin ATX power connector
6. SATA1~6	Serial ATA 6Gb/s connectors
7. F_PANEL	Front panel switch/LED header
8. F_USB1~2	Front panel USB 2.0 headers
	(F_USB1 supports EZ Charger function)
9. USB3F	Front panel USB 3.0 header
10. SYS_FAN1	4-pin System cooling fan connector
11. SPK	Speaker header
12. CLR_CMOS	Clear CMOS jumper
13. LPT	Parallel port header
14. COM	Serial port header
15. TPM	Trusted Platform Module header
16. CASE	Case open header
17. PCIE1~2	PCI Express x1 slots
18. SPDIFO	SPDIF out header
19. PCI	32-bit PCI add-on card slot
20. PCIEX16	PCI Express slot for graphics interface
21. F_AUDIO	Front panel audio header
22. ATX12V	4-pin +12V power connector

I/O Ports



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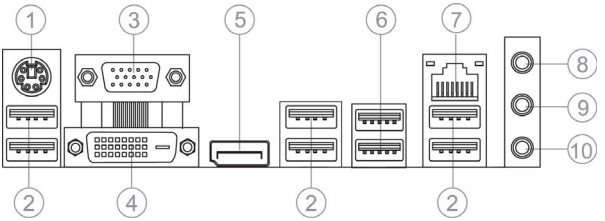


1. PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse combo connector
Use the PS/2 port to connect a PS/2 mouse or a PS2 keyboard.

2. USB 2.0 Ports
Use the USB 2.0 ports to connect USB 2.0 devices.

3. VGA Port
Connect VGA display device to the VGA port.

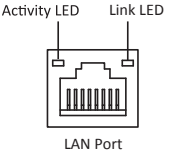
4. DVI Port
Connect DVI display device to the DVI port.

5. HDMI Port (Co-lay with DP port)
Connect HDMI or DP display device to the HDMI or DP port.

6. USB 3.0 Ports
Use the USB 3.0 ports to connect USB 3.0 devices.

7. LAN Port
Connect an RJ-45 jack to the LAN port to connect your computer to the Network.

LAN LED	Status	Description
Activity LED	OFF	No data
	Orange blinking	Active
Link LED	OFF	No link
	Green	Link



8. Line-in(blue)
It can be connected to an external CD/DVD player, tape player or other audio devices for audio input.

9. Line-out(lime)
It is used to connect to speakers or headphones.

10. Microphone(pink)
It is used to connect to a microphone.

Chapter 2
Installing the Motherboard

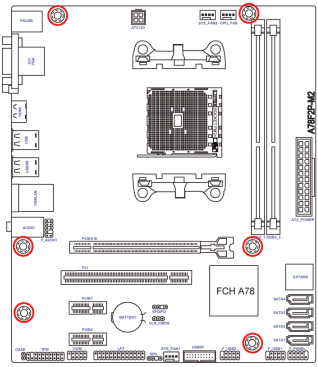
2-1. Safety Precautions

Follow these safety precautions when installing the motherboard:

- Wear a grounding strap attached to a grounded device to avoid damage from static electricity.
- Discharge static electricity by touching the metal case of a safely grounded object before working on the motherboard.
- Leave components in the static-proof bags.
- Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.

2-2. Installing the motherboard in a Chassis

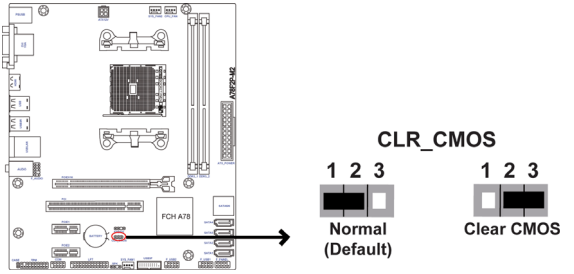
This motherboard carries a Micro ATX form factor of 244 x 210 mm. Choose a chassis that accommodates this form factor. Make sure that the I/O template in the chassis matches the I/O ports installed on the rear edge of the motherboard. Most system chassis have mounting brackets installed in the chassis, which corresponds to the holes in the motherboard. Place the motherboard over the mounting brackets and secure the motherboard onto the mounting brackets with screws.



Do not over-tighten the screws as this can damage the motherboard.

2-3. Checking Jumper Settings

The following illustration shows the location of the motherboard jumpers. Pin 1 is labeled.



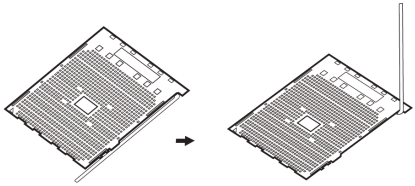
To avoid the system instability after clearing CMOS, we recommend users to enter the main BIOS setting page to "Load Default Settings" and then "Save and Exit Setup"

2-4. Installing Hardware

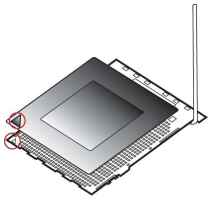
2-4-1. Installing the Processor

- This motherboard has an FM2+ socket.
- When choosing a processor, consider the performance requirements of the system. Performance is based on the processor design, the clock speed and system bus frequency of the processor, and the quantity of internal cache memory and external cache memory.
- You may be able to change the settings in the system Setup Utility. We strongly recommend you do not over-clock processor or other components to run faster than their rated speed.
- The following illustration shows CPU installation components.

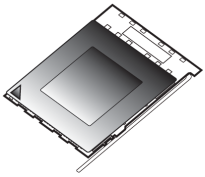
A. Pull up the lever away from the socket and lift up to 90-degree angle.



B. Locate the CPU cut edge (the corner with the pin hold noticeably missing). Align and insert the CPU correctly.



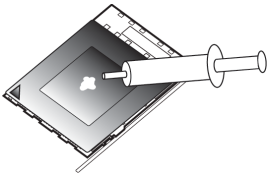
C. Press the metal lever back into its original position.



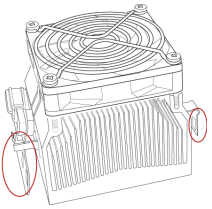
2-4-2. Installing the CPU Cooler

- Install the cooling fan in a well-lit work area so that you can clearly see the motherboard and processor socket.
- Avoid using cooling fans with sharp edges in case the fan casing and the clips cause serious damage to the motherboard or its components.
- To achieve better airflow rates and heat dissipation, we suggest that you use a high quality fan with 3800 rpm at least. CPU fan and heat sink installation procedures may vary with the type of CPU fan/heatsink supplied. The form and size of fan/heatsink may also vary.
- The following illustration shows how to install CPU fan.

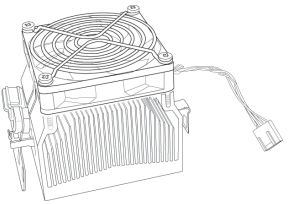
A. Apply some thermal grease onto the contacted area between the heatsink and the CPU, and make it to be a thin layer.



B. Put the CPU Fan down on the retention module and flip the levers over the heat sink in place.



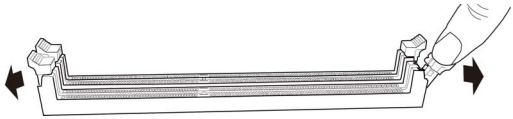
C. Connect the CPU cooler power connector to the CPU_FAN connector.



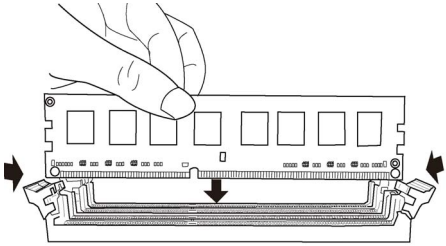
2-4-3. Installing Memory Modules

- This motherboard accommodates two memory modules. It can support two 240-pin DDR3 2133MHz (FM2+)*/1866MHz (FM2)*.
- Do not remove any memory module from its antistatic packaging until you are ready to install it on the motherboard. Handle the modules only by their edges. Do not touch the components or metal parts. Always wear a grounding strap when you handle the modules.
- You must install at least one module in any of the two slots. Total memory capacity is 32 GB.
- Refer to the following to install the memory modules.

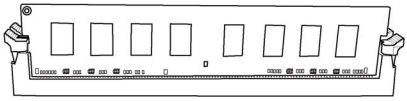
A. Push the latches on each side of the DIMM slot down.



B. Install the DIMM module into the slot and press it firmly down until it seats correctly. Check that the cutouts on the DIMM module edge connector match the notches in the DIMM slot.



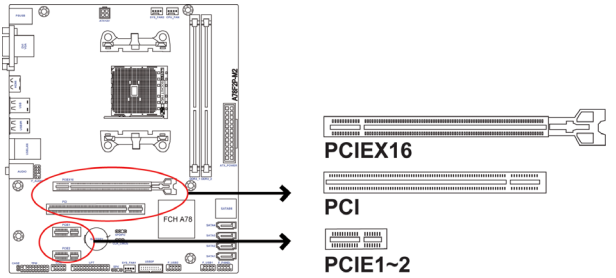
C. The slot latches are levered upwards and latch on to the edges of the DIMM.



Due to the limitation of chipset spec, it supports up to 2133/1866 MHz, 1.5V memory with a single DIMM per channel.

2-4-4. Installing Add-on Cards

The slots on this motherboard are designed to hold expansion cards and connect them to the system bus. Expansion slots are a means of adding or enhancing the motherboard's features and capabilities. With these efficient facilities, you can increase the motherboard's capabilities by adding hardware that performs tasks that are not part of the basic system.



PCIEX16 Slot The PCI Express x16 slot is used to install an external PCI Express graphics card that is fully compliant to the PCI Express Base Specification revision 3.0*.

PCIE1~2 Slots The PCI Express x1 slots are fully compliant to the PCI Express Base Specification revision 2.0.

PCI Slot This motherboard is equipped with one standard PCI slot. PCI stands for Peripheral Component Interconnect and is a bus standard for expansion cards, which for the most part, is a supplement of the older ISA bus standard. The PCI slot on this board is PCI v2.3 compliant.

** FM2+ APU supports PCI Express Gen3, FM2 APU supports PCI Express Gen2.*

Before installing an add-on card, check the documentation for the card carefully. If the card is not Plug and Play, you may have to manually configure the card before installation.

Follow these instructions to install an add-on card:

1 Remove a blanking plate from the system case corresponding to the slot you are going to use.

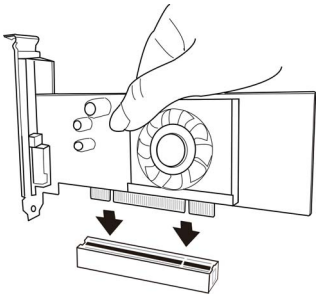
2 Install the edge connector of the add-on card into the expansion slot. Ensure that the edge connector is correctly seated in the slot.

3 Secure the metal bracket of the card to the system case with a screw.

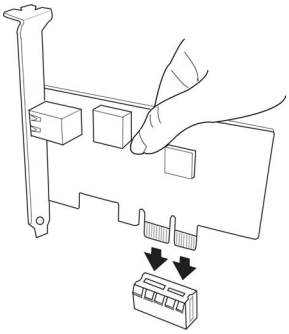
1. For some add-on cards, for example graphics adapters and network adapters, you have to install drivers and software before you can begin using the add-on card.

2. The onboard PCI interface does not support 64-bit SCSI cards.

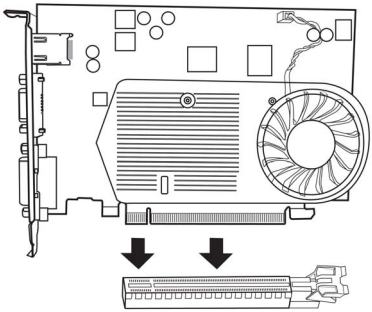
Please refer the following illustrations to install the add-on card:



Install the VGA Card in the PCI slot



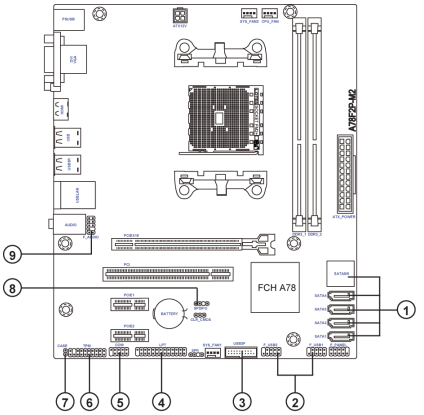
Install the LAN Card in the PCIE slot



Install the VGA Card in the PCIE X16 slot

2-4-5. Connecting Optional Devices

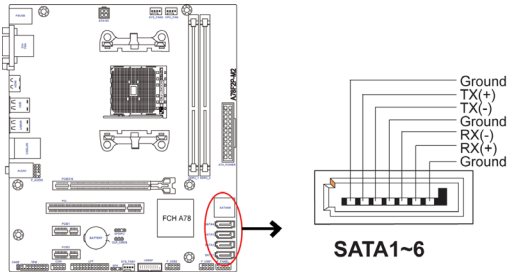
Refer to the following for information on connecting the motherboard's optional devices:



No.	Components	No.	Components
1	SATA1~6	6	TPM
2	F_USB1~2	7	CASE
3	USB3F	8	SPDIFO
4	LPT	9	F_AUDIO
5	COM	——	——

1. SATA1~6: Serial ATA III connectors

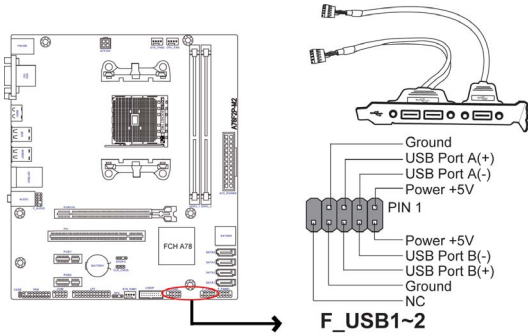
SATA1~6 connectors are used to support the new Serial ATA device for the highest data transfer rates (6.0 Gb/s), simpler disk drive cabling and easier PC assembly. It eliminates limitations of the current Parallel ATA interface. But maintains register compatibility and software compatibility with Parallel ATA.



2. F_USB1~2: Front Panel USB 2.0 headers

The motherboard has two USB 2.0 headers supporting four USB 2.0 ports. Additionally, some computer cases have USB 2.0 ports at the front of the case. If you have this kind of case, use auxiliary USB 2.0 connector to connect the front-mounted ports to the motherboard.

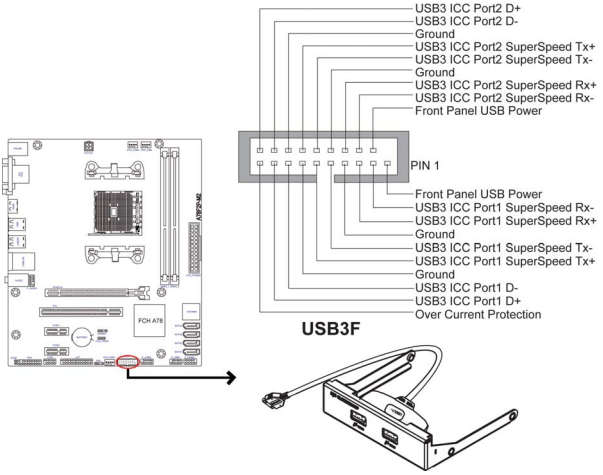
F_USB1 supports EZ Charger technology, provides 3 times current than general USB 2.0 port in off mode for USB devices. It is useful and excellent, especially for the iPhone, iPad and iPod touch devices that need a large amount of current for faster recharging within less time.



Please make sure that the USB cable has the same pin assignment as indicated above. A different pin assignment may cause damage or system hang-up.

3. USB3F: Front Panel USB 3.0 header

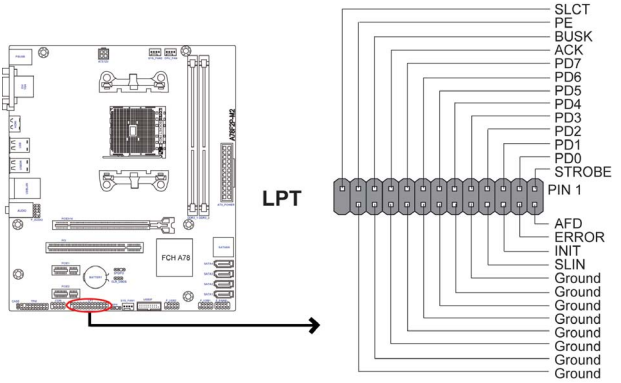
This Motherboard implements one USB 3.0 header supporting 2 extra front USB 3.0 ports, which delivers 5Gb/s transfer rate.



Please make sure that the USB cable has the same pin assignment as indicated above. A different pin assignment may cause damage or system hang-up.

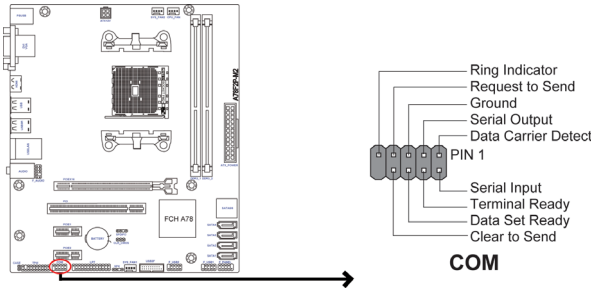
4. LPT: Onboard parallel port Header

This is a header that can be used to connect to the printer, scanner or other devices.



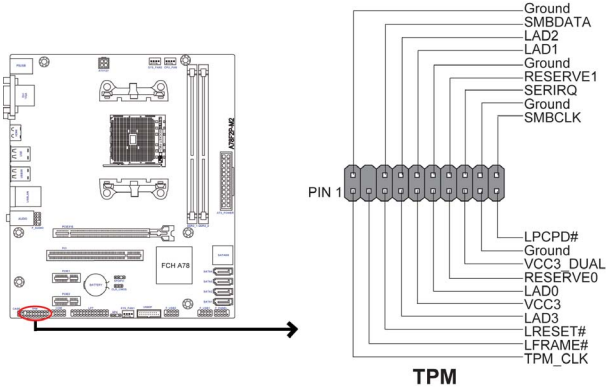
5. COM: Onboard serial port header

Connect a serial port extension bracket to this header to add a serial port to your system.



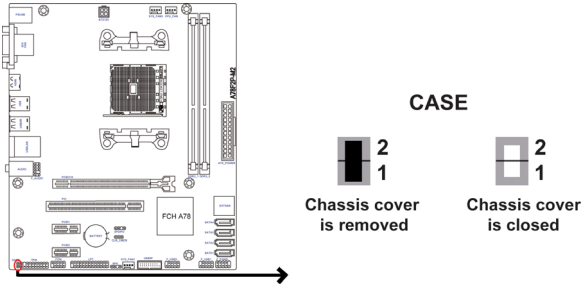
6. TPM: Trusted Platform Module header

Trusted platform module (TPM) is a published specification detailing a micro controller that can store secured information, and implementations of that specification.



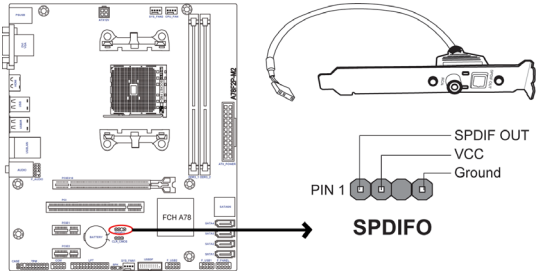
7. CASE: Chassis Intrusion Detect Header

This detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This function needs a chassis equipped with intrusion detection switch and needs to be enabled in BIOS.



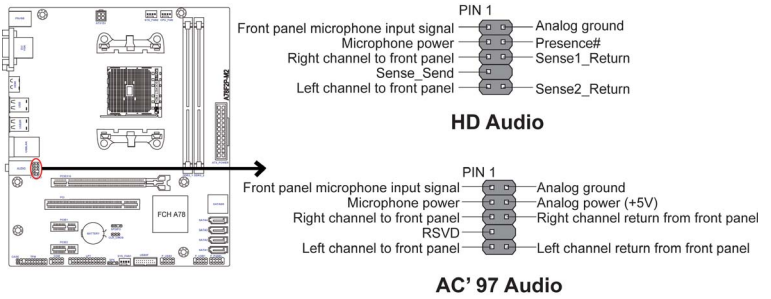
8. SPDIFO: SPDIF out header

This is an optional header that provides an SPDIFO (Sony/Philips Digital Interface) output to digital multimedia device through optical fiber or coaxial connector.



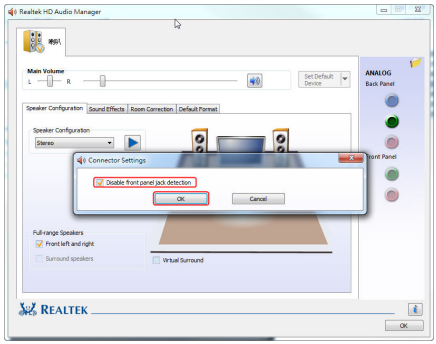
9. F_AUDIO: Front Panel Audio Header

The front panel audio header allows the user to install auxiliary front-oriented microphone and line-out ports for easier access. This header supports HD audio by default. If you want connect an AC' 97 front panel audio to HD onboard headers, please set as below picture.



AC' 97 Audio Configuration: To enable the front panel audio connector to support AC97 Audio mode.

If you use AC' 97 Front Panel, please tick off the option of "Disabled Front Panel Detect ". If you use HD Audio Front Panel, please don' t tick off "Disabled Front Panel Detect ".



** For reference only*

If you use AC' 97 Front Panel, please don' t tick off "Using Front Jack Detect ". If you use HD Audio Front Panel, please tick off the option of "Using Front Jack Detect ".

** For reference only*

2-4-6. Installing a SATA Hard Drive

This section describes how to install a SATA Hard Drive.

About SATA Connectors

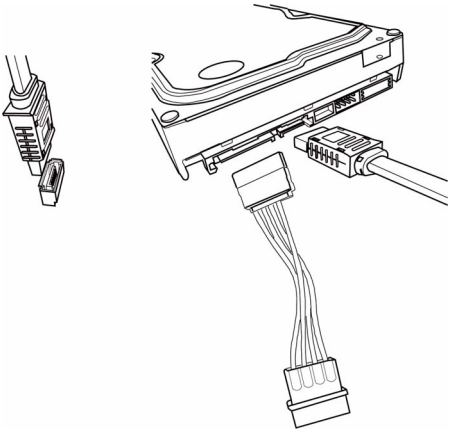
Your motherboard features six SATA connectors supporting a total of six drives. SATA refers to Serial ATA (Advanced Technology Attachment) is the standard interface for the IDE hard drives which are currently used in most PCs. These connectors are well designed and will only fit in one orientation. Locate the SATA connectors on the motherboard and follow the illustration below to install the SATA hard drives.

Installing Serial ATA Hard Drives

To install the Serial ATA (SATA) hard drives, use the SATA cable that supports the Serial ATA protocol. This SATA cable comes with a SATA power cable. You can connect either end of the SATA cable to the SATA hard drive or the connector on the motherboard.

Refer to the illustration below for proper installation:

1 Attach either cable end to the connector on the motherboard.
2 Attach the other cable end to the SATA hard drive.
3 Attach the SATA power cable to the SATA hard drive and connect the other end to the power supply.



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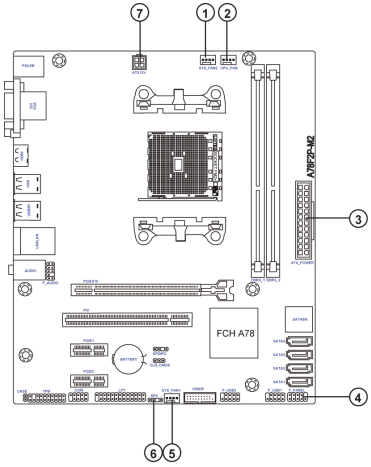
2-4-7. Connecting Case Components

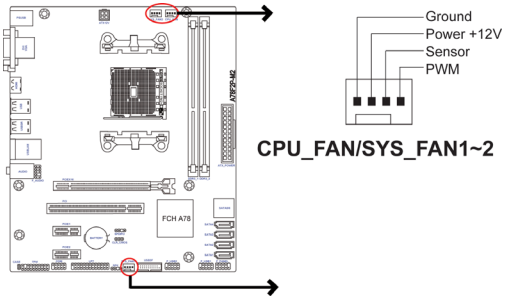
After you have installed the motherboard into a case, you can begin connecting the motherboard components. Refer to the following:



No.	Components	No.	Components
1	SYS_FAN2	5	SYS_FAN1
2	CPU_FAN	6	SPK
3	ATX_POWER	7	ATX_12V
4	F_PANEL	——	——

1 & 2 & 5. SYS_FAN (System Cooling FAN Connector) & CPU_FAN (CPU cooling FAN Connector)

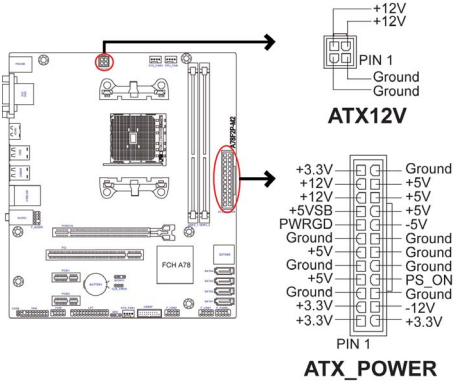
Connect the CPU cooling fan cable to **CPU_FAN**.
Connect the System cooling fan connector to **SYS_FAN**.



Users please note that the fan connector supports the CPU cooling fan of 1.1A ~ 2.2A (26.4W max) at +12V.

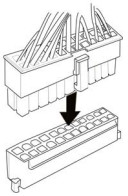
3 & 7. ATX_POWER (ATX 24-pin Power Connector) & ATX12V (ATX 12V Power Connector)

Connect the standard power supply connector to **ATX_POWER**.
Connect the auxiliary case power supply connector to **ATX12V**.



Connecting 24-pin power cable

The ATX 24-pin connector allows you to connect to ATX v2.x power supply.

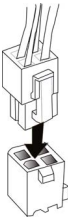


24-pin power cable

With ATX v2.x power supply, users please note that when installing 24-pin power cable, the latches of power cable and the ATX match perfectly.

Connecting 4-pin power cable

The ATX12V power connector is used to provide power to the CPU.

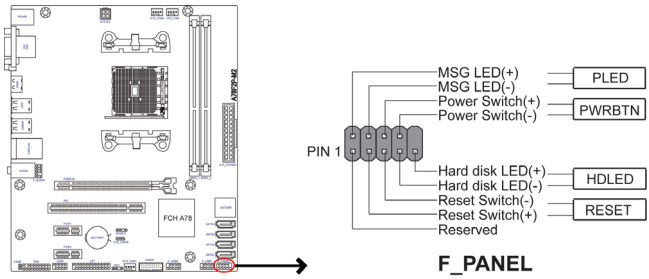


4-pin power cable

When installing 4-pin power cable, the latches of power cable and the ATX12V match perfectly.

4. Front Panel Header

The front panel header (F_PANEL) provides a standard set of switch and LED headers commonly found on ATX or Micro ATX cases. Refer to the table below for information:



Hard Drive Activity LED

Connecting pins 1 and 3 to a front panel mounted LED provides visual indication that data is being read from or written to the hard drive. For the LED to function properly, an IDE drive should be connected to the onboard IDE interface. The LED will also show activity for devices connected to the SCSI (hard drive activity LED) connector.

Power/Sleep/Message waiting LED

Connecting pins 2 and 4 to a single or dual-color, front panel mounted LED provides power on/off, sleep, and message waiting indication.

Reset Switch

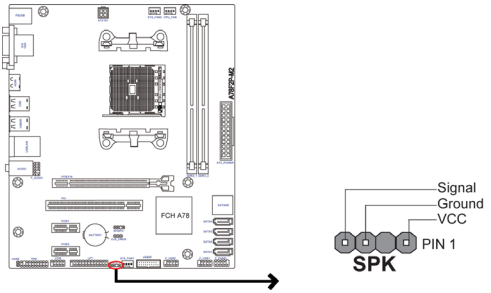
Supporting the reset function requires connecting pin 5 and 7 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. When the switch is closed, the board resets and runs POST.

Power Switch

Supporting the power on/off function requires connecting pins 6 and 8 to a momentary-contact switch that is normally open. The switch should maintain contact for at least 50 ms to signal the power supply to switch on or off. The time requirement is due to internal de-bounce circuitry. After receiving a power on/off signal, at least two seconds elapses before the power supply recognizes another on/off signal.

6. SPK: Speaker header

Connect the case speaker cable to **SPK**.



This concludes Chapter 2. The next chapter covers the BIOS.

Chapter 3
Using BIOS

About the Setup Utility

The computer uses the latest "American Megatrends Inc. " BIOS with support for Windows Plug and Play. The CMOS chip on the motherboard contains the ROM setup instructions for configuring the motherboard BIOS.

The BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) Setup Utility displays the system's configuration status and provides you with options to set system parameters. The parameters are stored in battery-backed-up CMOS RAM that saves this information when the power is turned off. When the system is turned back on, the system is configured with the values you stored in CMOS.

The BIOS Setup Utility enables you to configure:

- Hard drives, diskette drives and peripherals
- Video display type and display options
- Password protection from unauthorized use
- Power Management features

The settings made in the Setup Utility affect how the computer performs. Before using the Setup Utility, ensure that you understand the Setup Utility options.

This chapter provides explanations for Setup Utility options.

The Standard Configuration

A standard configuration has already been set in the Setup Utility. However, we recommend that you read this chapter in case you need to make any changes in the future.

This Setup Utility should be used:

- when changing the system configuration
- when a configuration error is detected and you are prompted to make changes to the Setup Utility
- when trying to resolve IRQ conflicts
- when making changes to the Power Management configuration
- when changing the password or making other changes to the Security Setup

Entering the Setup Utility

When you power on the system, BIOS enters the Power-On Self Test (POST) routines. POST is a series of built-in diagnostics performed by the BIOS. After the POST routines are completed, the following message appears:

Press DEL to enter SETUP

Press the delete key to access BIOS Setup Utility.

Resetting the Default CMOS Values

When powering on for the first time, the POST screen may show a "CMOS Settings Wrong" message. This standard message will appear following a clear CMOS data at factory by the manufacturer. You simply need to Load Default Settings to reset the default CMOS values.

Note: Changes to system hardware such as different CPU, memories, etc. may also trigger this message.

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A78F2P-M2 Release 02/14/2014
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Press <F7> to enter BBS POPUP
Press <DEL> or <F2> to enter setup.
CMOS Settings Wrong

Using BIOS

When you start the Setup Utility, the main menu appears. The main menu of the Setup Utility displays a list of the options that are available. A highlight indicates which option is currently selected. Use the cursor arrow keys to move the highlight to other options. When an option is highlighted, execute the option by pressing <Enter>.

Some options lead to pop-up dialog boxes that prompt you to verify that you wish to execute that option. Other options lead to dialog boxes that prompt you for information.

Some options (marked with an icon ≫) lead to submenus that enable you to change the values for the option. Use the cursor arrow keys to scroll through the items in the submenu.

In this manual, default values are enclosed in parenthesis. Submenu items are denoted by an icon ».

The default BIOS setting for this motherboard apply for most conditions with optimum performance. We do not suggest users change the default values in the BIOS setup and take no responsibility to any damage caused by changing the BIOS settings.

BIOS Navigation Keys

The BIOS navigation keys are listed below:

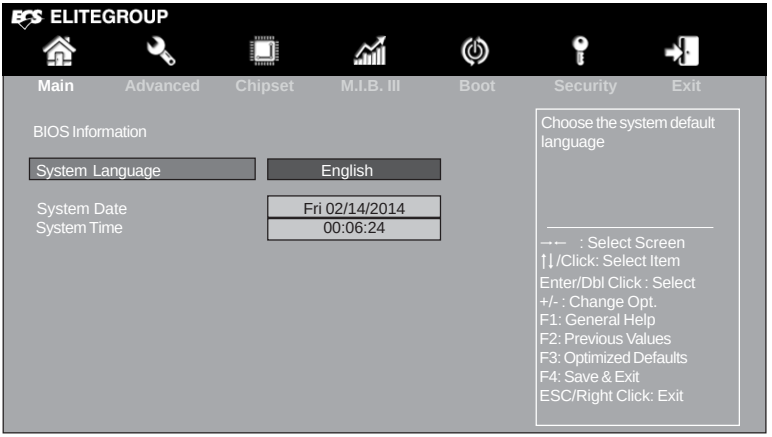
KEY	FUNCTION
ESC	Exits the current menu
↑↓→←	Scrolls through the items on a menu
+/-	Change Opt.
Enter	Select
F1	General Help
F2	Previous Value
F3	Optimized Defaults
F4	Save & Exit

1. For the purpose of better product maintenance, the manufacture reserves the right to change the BIOS items presented in this manual. The BIOS setup screens shown in this chapter are for reference only and may differ from the actual BIOS. Please visit the manufacture's website for updated manual.

2. In this Gui BIOS, you can operate by mouse or keyboard. Click : select item; Double click: enter; Right click: exit.

Main Menu

This menu shows the information of BIOS and enables you to set the system language, date and time.



System Language (English)

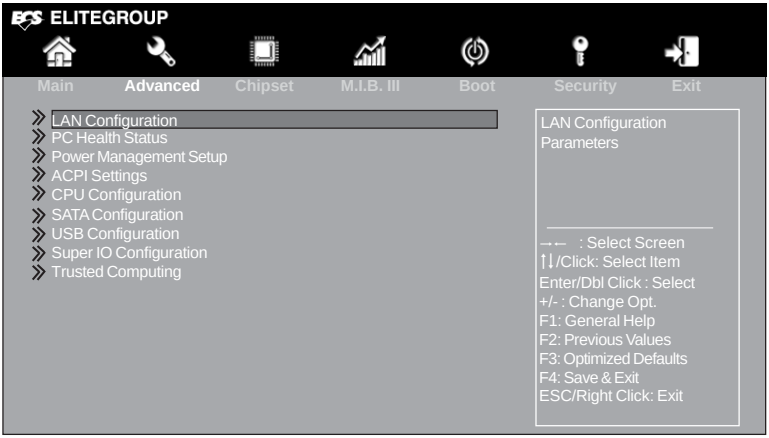
This item is used to set system language.

System Date & Time

The Date and Time items show the current date and time on the computer. If you are running a Windows OS, these items are automatically updated whenever you make changes to the Windows Date and Time Properties utility.

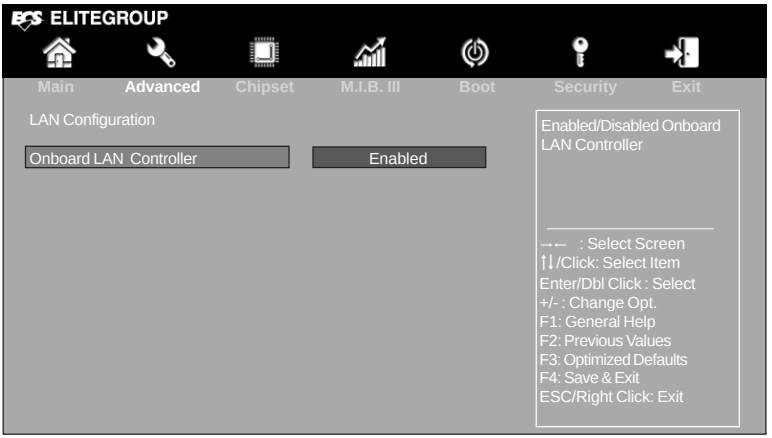
Advanced Menu

The Advanced menu items allow you to change the settings for the CPU and other system.



» LAN Configuration

The item in the menu shows the LAN-related information that the BIOS automatically detects.



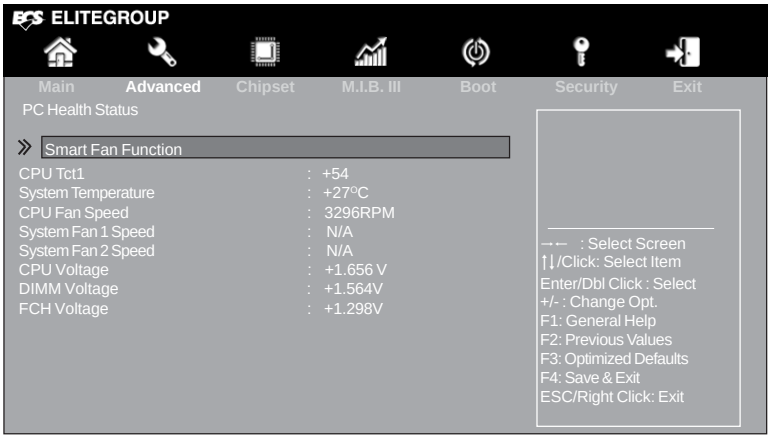
Onboard LAN Controller (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable Onboard LAN controller.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

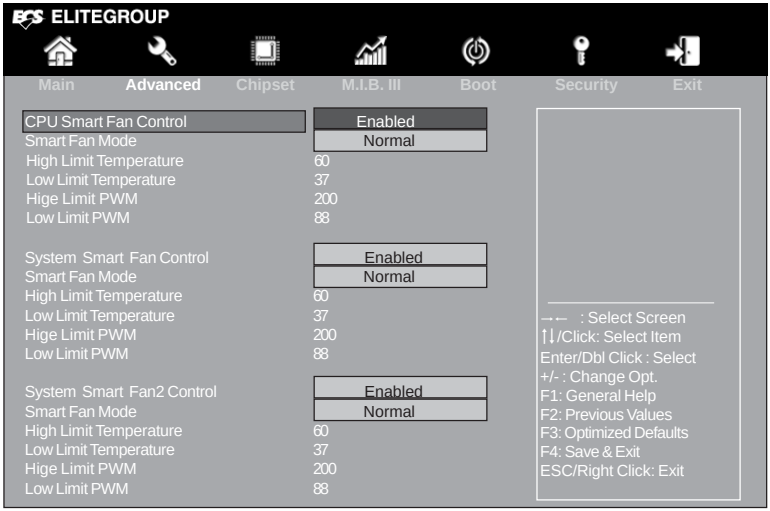
» PC Health Status

On motherboards support hardware monitoring, this item lets you monitor the parameters for critical voltages, temperatures and fan speeds.



» Smart Fan Function

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



CPU Smart Fan/System Smart Fan/System Smart Fan2 Control (Enabled)

These items enable you to define the CPU smart fun/system smart fan/system smart fan2 by smartly adjusting the CPU smart fan/system smart fan/system smart fan2. When it is set at certain temperature, the CPU smart fan/system smart fan/system smart fan2 PWM value will change accordingly.

Smart Fan Mode (Normal)

This item allows you to select the fan mode (Normal, Quiet, Silent, or Manual) for a better operation environment. If you choose Normal mode, the fan speed will be auto adjusted depending on the CPU temperature. If you choose Quite mode, the fan speed will be auto minimized for quiet environment. If you choose Silent mode, the fan speed will be auto restricted to make system more quietly. If you choose Manual mode, the fan speed will be adjust depending on users' parameters.

Press <Esc> to return to the PC Health Status page.

System Component Characteristics

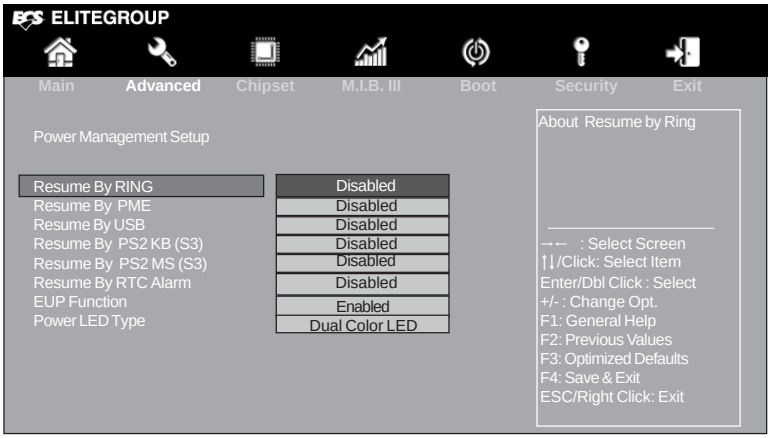
These items display the monitoring of the overall inboard hardware health events, such as CPU & DIMM voltage, CPU & System fan speed...etc.

- CPU Tct1
- System Temperature
- CPU Fan Speed
- System Fan1 Speed
- CPU Voltage
- DIMM Voltage

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

» Power Management Setup

This page sets up some parameters for system power management operation.



Resume By RING (Disabled)

An input signal on the serial Ring Indicator (RI) line (in other words, an incoming call on the modem) awakens the system from a soft off state.

Resume By PME (Disabled)

The system can be turned off with a software command. If you enable this item, the system can automatically resume if there is an incoming call on the PCI/PCI-E Modem or PCI/PCI-E LAN card. You must use an ATX power supply in order to use this feature. Use this item to do wake-up action if inserting the PCI/PCI-E card.

Resume By USB (Disabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable the USB device wakeup function from S3 mode.

Resume By PS2 KB (S3) (Disabled)

This item enables or disables you to allow keyboard activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

Resume By PS2 MS (S3) (Disabled)

This item enables or disables you to allow mouse activity to awaken the system from power saving mode.

Resume By RTC Alarm (Disabled)

The system can be turned off with a software command. If you enable this item, the system can automatically resume at a fixed time based on the system's RTC (realtime clock). Use the items below this one to set the date and time of the wake-up alarm. You must use an ATX power supply in order to use this feature.

EUP Function (Enabled)

This item allows user to enable or disable EUP support.

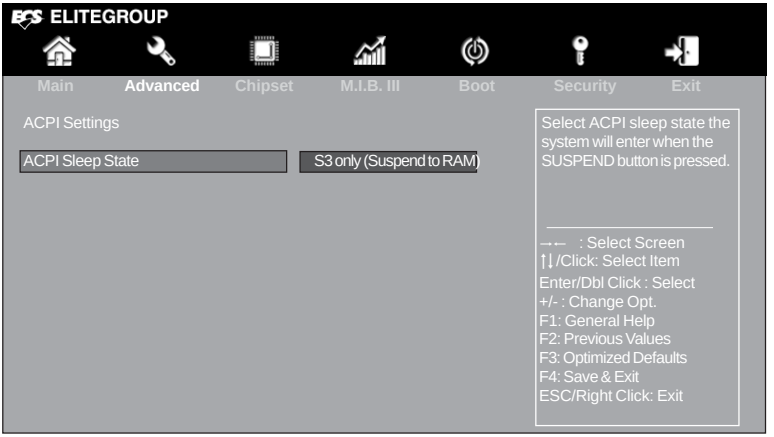
Power LED Type (Dual Color LED)

This item shows the type of the Power LED.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

» ACPI Settings

The item in the menu shows the highest ACPI sleep state when the system enters suspend.



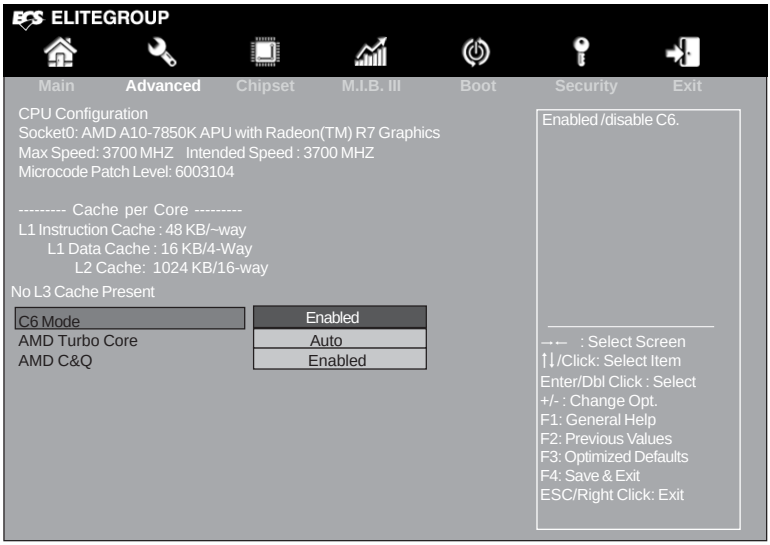
ACPI Sleep State [S3 only (Suspend to RAM)]

This item allows user to enter the ACPI S3 only (Suspend to RAM) Sleep State (default).

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

» CPU Configuration

The item in the menu shows the CPU.



Max/Intended Speed (3700 MHZ)

These items show the maximum/intended speed of the CPU.

Microcode Patch Level (6003104)

This item shows the Microcode revision.

L1 Instruction Cache (48KB/~way)

This item shows CPU L1 Cache.

L1 Data Cache (16KB/4-way)

This item shows CPU L1 Cache.

L2 Cache (1024 KB/16-way)

This item shows CPU L2 Cache.

No L3 Cache Present

This item shows CPU L3 Cache.

C6 Mode (Enabled)

This item enables or disables the C6 mode.

AMD Turbo Core (Auto)

These P-states are referred to as boosted P-states.

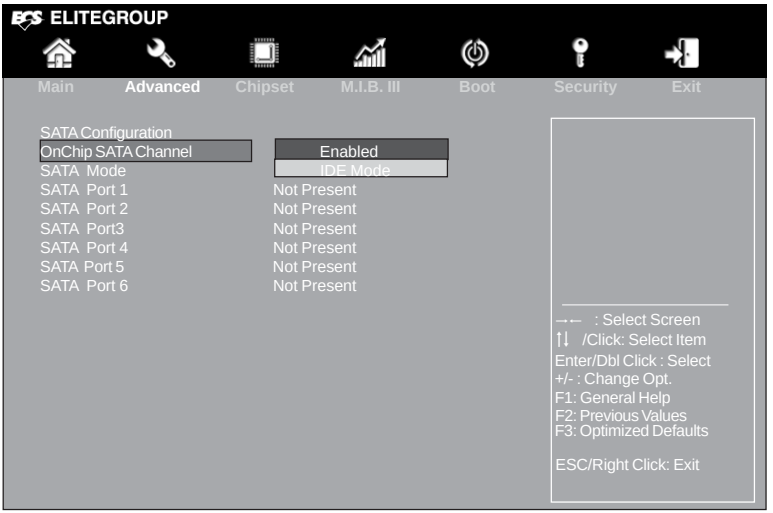
AMD C&Q (Enabled)

This item enables or disables the CPU C&Q Function.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

» SATA Configuration

Use this item to show the mode of serial SATA configuration options.



Onchip SATA Channel (Enabled)

Use this item to turn on/off SATA Controller.

SATA Mode (IDE Mode)

Use this item to select SATA mode.

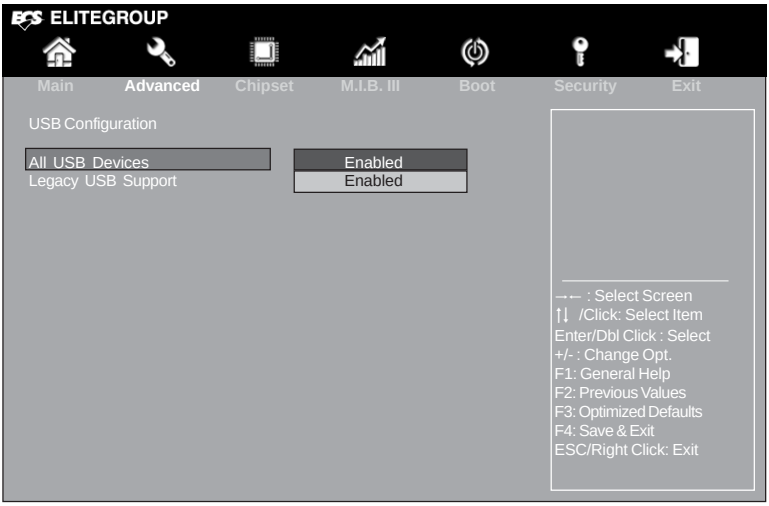
SATA Port1~6 (Not Present)

This motherboard supports six SATA channels, each channel allows one SATA device to be installed. Use these item to configure each device on the SATA channel.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

» USB Configuration

Use this item to show the information of USB configuration.



All USB Devices (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable all USB devices.

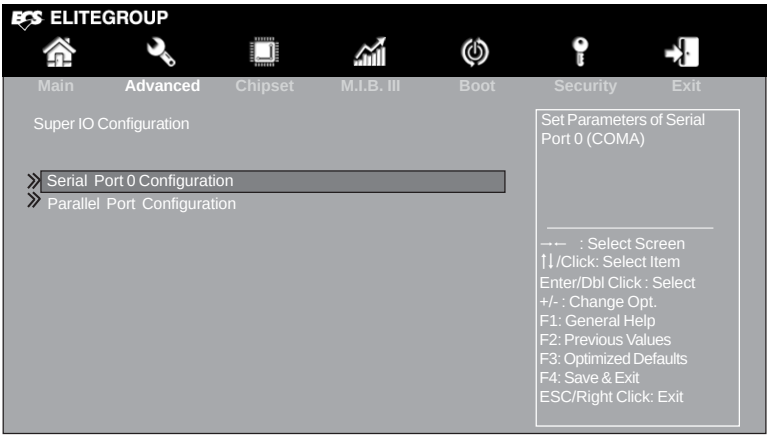
Legacy USB Support (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable support for legacy USB devices.

Press <Esc> to return to the Advanced Menu page.

» Super IO Configuration

Use this item to show the information of Super IO configuration.



» Serial Port 0 Configuration

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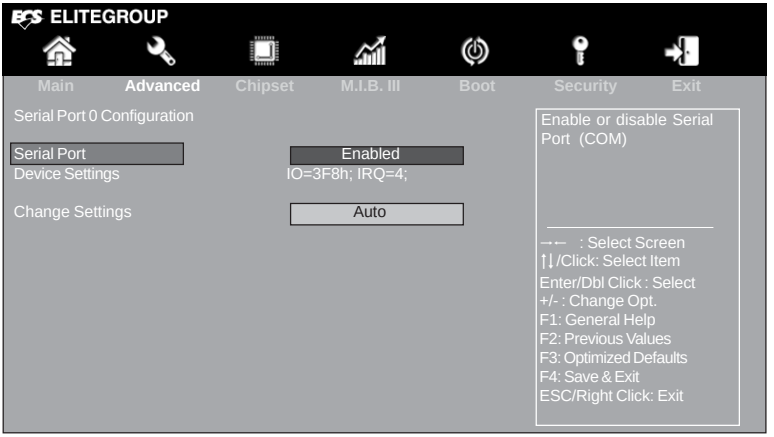


Serial Port (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable serial port.

Device Settings (IO=3F8h; IRQ=4;)

This item shows the information of the device settings.

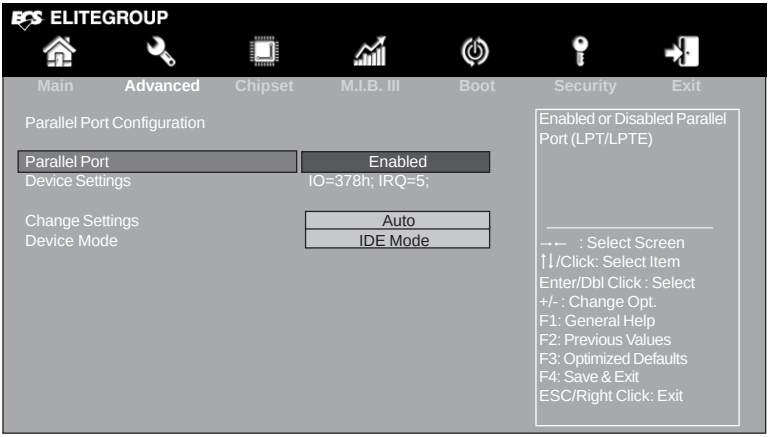
Change Settings (Auto)

Use this item to change device settings.

Press <Esc> to return to the Super IO Configuration page.

» **Parallel Port Configuration**

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



Parallel Port (Enabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable parallel port.

Device Settings (IO=378h; IRQ=5;)

This item shows the information of the device settings.

Change Settings (Auto)

Use this item to change device settings.

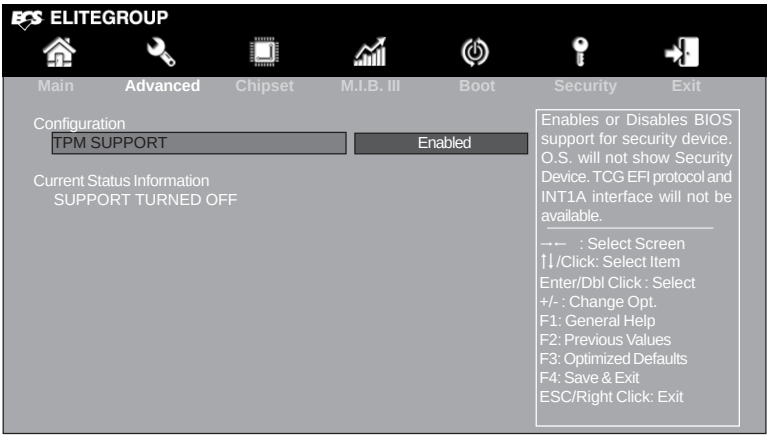
Device Mode (IDE Mode)

This item shows the information of the device mode.

Press <Esc> to return to the Super IO Configuration page.

» Trusted Computing

Use this item to show the information of trusted computing configuration.

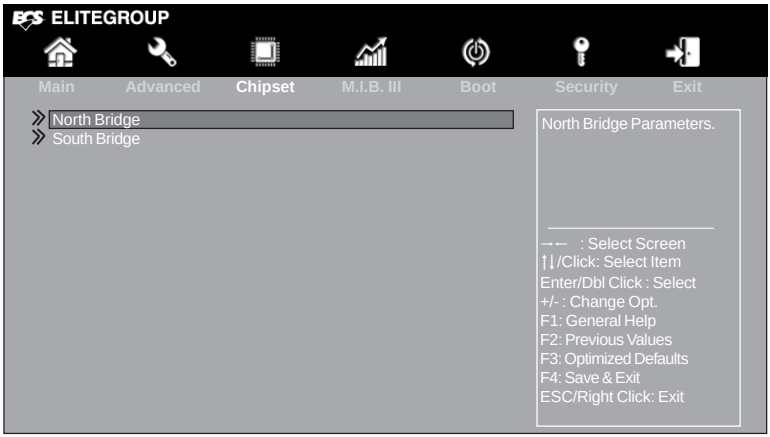


TPM SUPPORT (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the TPM port. O.S. will not show TPM. Reset of platform is required.

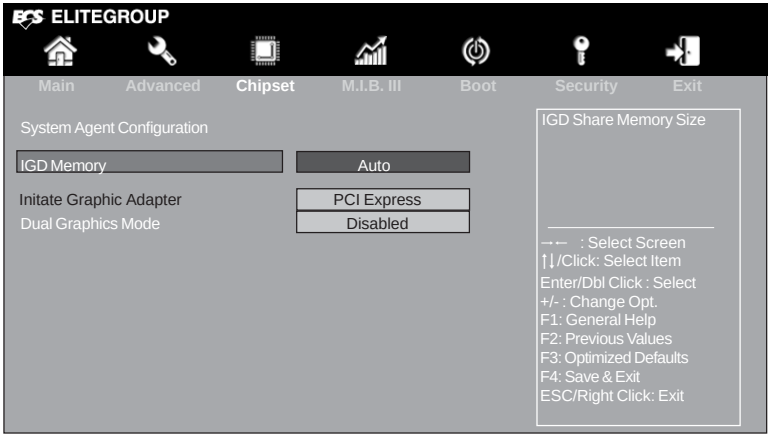
Chipset Menu

The chipset menu items allow you to change the settings for the North Bridge chipset, South Bridge chipset and other system.



» North Bridge

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



IGD Memory (Auto)

This item shows the information of the IGD (Internal Graphics Device) memory.

Initiate Graphic Adapter (PCI Express)

This item allows you to select graphics controller to use as the primary boot device.

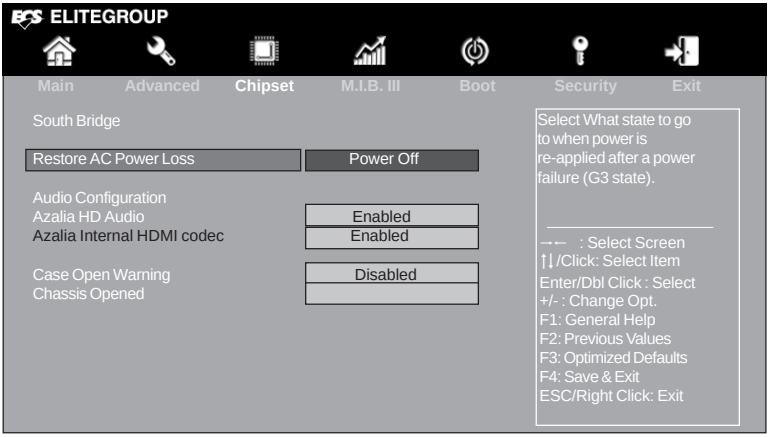
Dual Graphics Mode (Disabled)

This item allows you to enable or disable Dual Graphics Mode function.

Press <Esc> to return to the Chipset Menu page.

» South Bridge

Scroll to this item and press <Enter> to view the following screen:



Restore AC Power Loss (Power Off)

This item enables your computer to automatically restart or return to its operating status.

Audio Configuration

This item shows the information of the audio configuration.

Azalia HD Audio (Enabled)

This item enables or disables Azalia HD audio.

Azalia Internal HDMI codec (Enabled)

This item enables or disables Azalia Internal HDMI codec.

Case Open Warning (Disabled)

This item enables or disables the warning if the case is opened up, and the item below indicates the current status of the case.

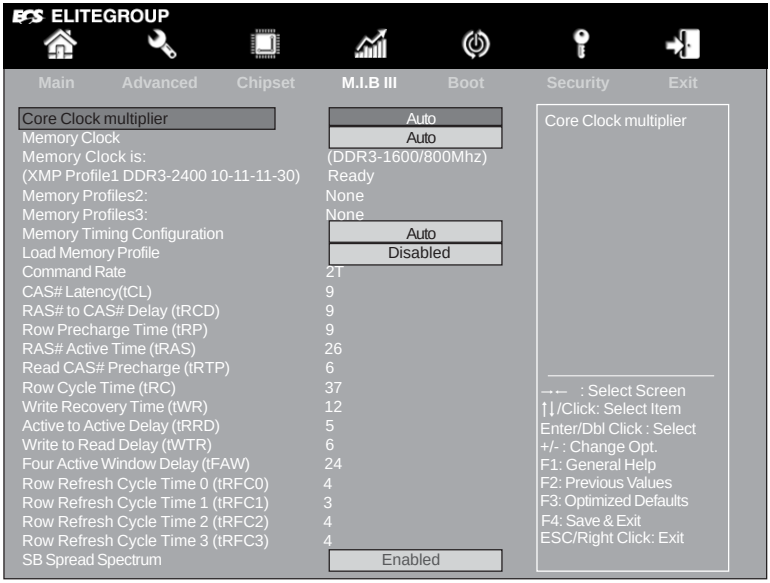
Chassis Opened

This item indicates whether the case has been opened.

Press <Esc> to return to the Chipset Menu page.

M.I.B. III (MB Intelligent BIOS III) Menu

This page enables you to set the clock speed and system bus for your system. The clock speed and system bus are determined by the kind of processor you have installed in your system.



Core Clock multiplier (Auto)

This item is used to set Core clock multiplier.

Memory Clock (Auto)

This item is used to set Memory clock.

Memory Clock is: (DDR3-1600/800Mhz)

This item shows current memory clock.

XMP Profile 1 DDR3-2400 10-11-11-30 (Ready)

This item shows the state of XMP profile 1 DDR3-2400 10-11-11-30.

Memory Profiles2~3 (None)

These items show the information of performance memory profile2~3.

Memory Timing Configuration (Auto)

This item shows the information of Memory Timing.

Load Memory Profile (Disabled)

This item enables or disables you to load memory profile.

Command Rate (2T)

This item shows the information of Command Rate.

CAS# Latency (tCL) (9)

This item determines the operation of DDR SDRAM memory CAS(column address strobe). It is recommanded that you leave this item at the default value. The 2T setting requires faster memory that specifically supports this mode.

RAS# to CAS# Delay (tRCD) (9)

This item specifies the RAS# to CAS# delay to Rd/Wr command to the same bank.

Row Precharge Time (tRP) (9)

This item specifies the Row Precharge to Active or Auto-Refresh of the same bank.

RAS# Active Time (tRAS) (26)

This item specifies the RAS# active time .

Read CAS# Precharge (tRTP) (6)

This item controls the Read to PRECHARGE delay for memory devices, in memory clock cycles.

Row Cycle Time (tRC) (37)

This item specifies the row cycle time.

Write Recovery Time (tWR) (12)

This item specifies the write recovery time.

Active to Active Delay (tRRD) (5)

This item controls the ACTIVE bank x to ACTIVE bank y in memory clock cycles.

Write to Read Delay (tWTR) (6)

This item specifies the write to read delay time.

Four Active Window Delay (tFAW) (24)

This item controls the four bank activate time in memory clock cycles.

Row Refresh Cycle Time 0/1/2/3 (tRFC0/1/2/3) (4/3/4/4)

These items specify the row refresh cycle times.

SB Spread Spectrum (Enabled)

This item enables or disables the SB Spread Spectrum.

Press <Esc> to return to the M.I.B. III Menu page.

Warning: Over-clocking components can adversely affect the reliability of the system and introduce errors into your system. Over-clocking can permanently damage the motherboard by generating excess heat in components that are run beyond the rated limits.

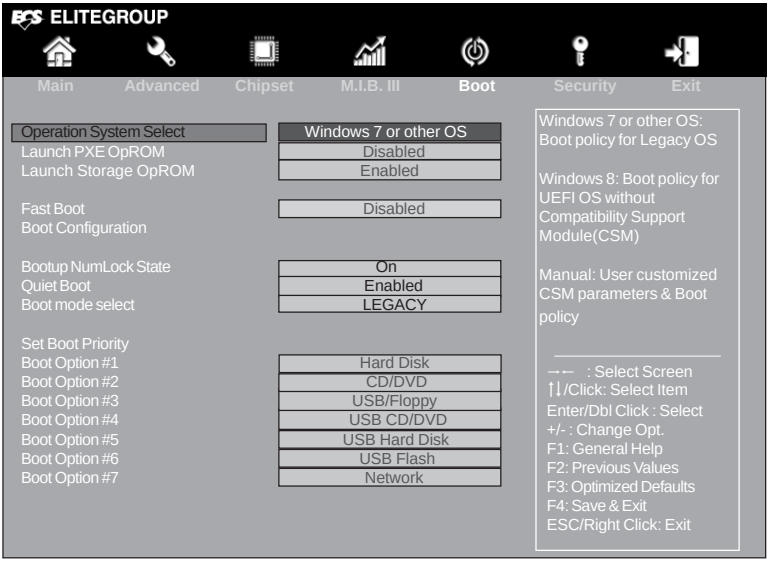
Fail-Safe Procedures for Over-clocking

When end-users encounter failure after attempting over-clocking, please take the following steps to recover from it.

1. Shut down the computer.
2. Press and hold the “Page Up Key (PgUp)” of the keyboard, and then boot the PC up.
3. Two seconds after the PC boots up, release the “Page Up Key (PgUp)”.
4. The BIOS returns to the default setting by itself.

Boot Menu

This page enables you to set the keyboard NumLock state.



Operation System Select (Windows 7 or other OS)

This item is used to select the operation system.

Launch PXE OpROM (Disabled)

The item enables or disables launch PXE Option ROM.

Launch Storage OpROM (Enabled)

Use this item to enable or disable the Storage OpROM.

Fast Boot (Disabled)

This item enables or disables boot with initialization of a minimal set of device required to launch active boot option. Has no effect for BBS boot options.

Boot Configuration

This item shows the information of the Boot Configuration.

Bootup NumLock State (On)

This item enables you to select NumLock state.

Quiet Boot (Enabled)

This item enables or disables quiet boot.

Boot Mode select (LEGACY)

Use this item to select boot mode.

Set Boot Priority

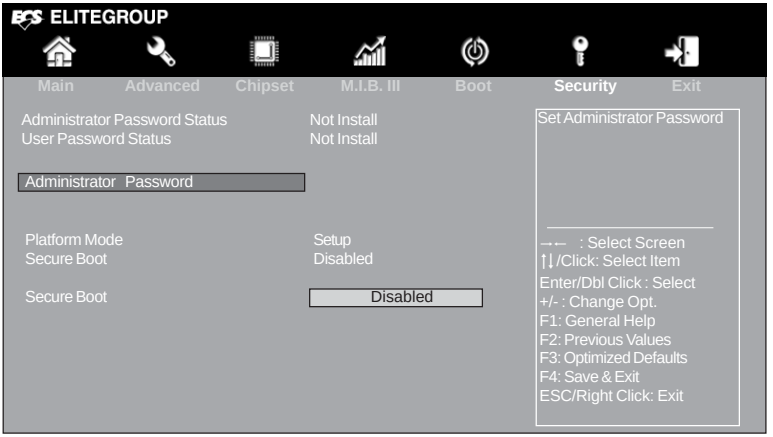
This item enables you to set boot priority for all boot devices.

Boot Option #1 /2 /3 /4 /5 /6 /7

These items show the boot priorities.

Security Menu

This page enables you to set setup administrator password and user password.



Administrator Password Status (Not Install)

This item shows administrator password installed or not.

User Password Status (Not Install)

This item shows user password installed or not.

Platform Mode (Setup)

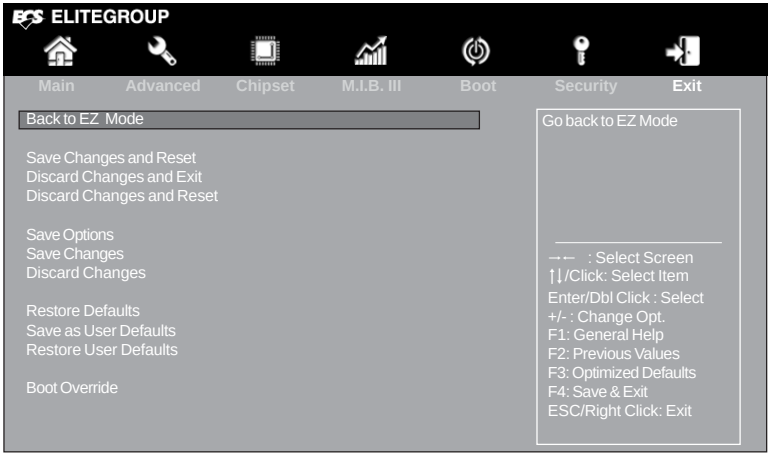
This item allows you to set the platform mode.

Secure Boot (Disabled)

This item is used to control the secure boot flow, it is possible only if system runs in User Mode.

Exit Menu

This page enables you to exit system setup after saving or without saving the changes.



Back to EZ Mode

This item enables you to back to EZ mode.

Save Changes and Reset

This item enables you to reset the system setup after saving the changes.

Discard Changes and Exit

This item enables you to exit system setup without saving any changes.

Discard Changes and Reset

This item enables you to reset system setup without saving any changes.

Save Options

This item enables you to save the options that you have made.

Save Changes

This item enables you to save the changes that you have made.

Discard Changes

This item enables you to discard any changes that you have made.

Restore Defaults

This item enables you to restore the system defaults.

Save as User Defaults

This item enables you to save the changes that you have made as user defaults.

Restore User Defaults

This item enables you to restore user defaults to all the setup options.

Boot Override

Use this item to select the boot device.

Updating the BIOS

You can download and install updated BIOS for this motherboard from the manufacturer's Website. New BIOS provides support for new peripherals, improvements in performance, or fixes for known bugs. Install new BIOS as follows:

1. If your motherboard has a BIOS protection jumper, change the setting to allow BIOS flashing.
2. If your motherboard has an item called Firmware Write Protect in Advanced BIOS features, disable it. (Firmware Write Protect prevents BIOS from being overwritten.)
3. Prepare a bootable device or create a bootable system disk. (Refer to Windows online help for information on creating a bootable system disk.)
4. Download the Flash Utility and new BIOS file from the manufacturer's Web site. Copy these files to the bootable device.
5. Turn off your computer and insert the bootable device in your computer. (You might need to run the Setup Utility and change the boot priority items on the Advanced BIOS Features Setup page, to force your computer to boot from the bootable device first.)
6. At the C:\ or A:\ prompt, type the Flash Utility program name and the file name of the new BIOS and then press <Enter>. Example: AFUDOS.EXE 040706.ROM
7. When the installation is complete, remove the bootable device from the computer and restart your computer. If your motherboard has a Flash BIOS jumper, reset the jumper to protect the newly installed BIOS from being overwritten. The computer will restart automatically.

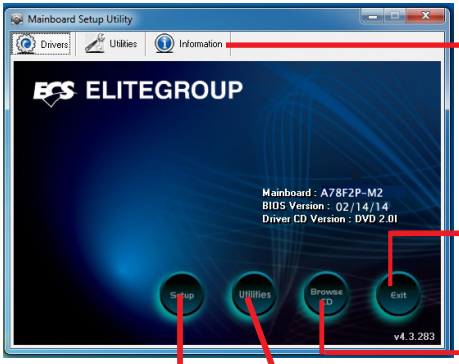
This concludes Chapter 3. Refer to the next chapter for information on the software supplied with the motherboard.

Chapter 4

Using the Motherboard Software

Auto-installing under Windows 7/8/8.1

The auto-install DVD-ROM makes it easy for you to install the drivers and software. The support software DVD-ROM disc loads automatically under Windows 7/8/8.1. When you insert the DVD-ROM disc in the DVD-ROM drive, the auto-run feature will automatically bring up the installation screen. The screen has four buttons on it: **Setup**, **Utilities**, **Browse CD** and **Exit**.



Information:
Displays the path for all software and drivers available on the disk.

Click "**Exit**" button to close the Auto-Setup window.

Browse CD:
Open Windows Explorer and show the contents of the support disk.

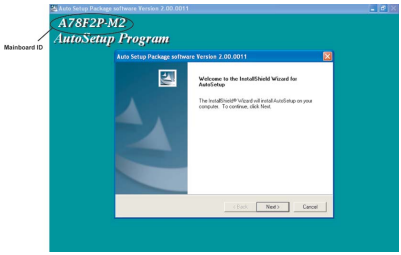
Click the "**Setup**" button to select and run the software installation program.

Click the "**Utilities**" button to select and install ECS Intelligent Utility.

Running Setup

Follow these instructions to install device drivers and software for the motherboard:

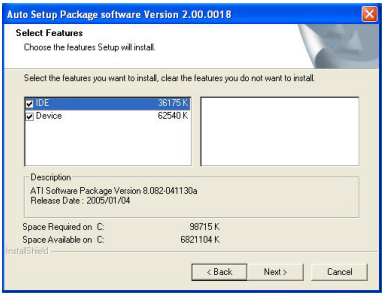
1. Click **Setup**. The installation program begins:



The following screens are examples only. The screens and driver lists will be different according to the motherboard you are installing.

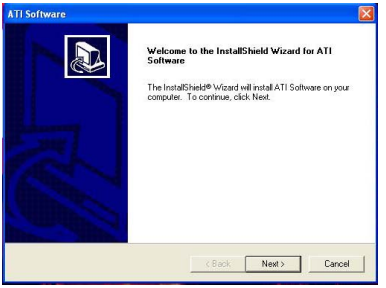
The motherboard identification is located in the upper left-hand corner.

2. Click **Next.** The following screen appears:


Auto Setup Package software Version 2.00.0018
Select Features
Choose the features Setup will install.
Select the features you want to install, clear the features you do not want to install.
IDE 36175 K
Device 62540 K
Description
ATI Software Package Version 8.982-041130a
Release Date : 2005/01/04
Space Required on C: 98715 K
Space Available on C: 6821104 K
InstallShield
< Back
Next >
Cancel

3. Check the box next to the items you want to install. The default options are recommended.

4. Click **Next** to run the Installation Wizard. An item installation screen appears:

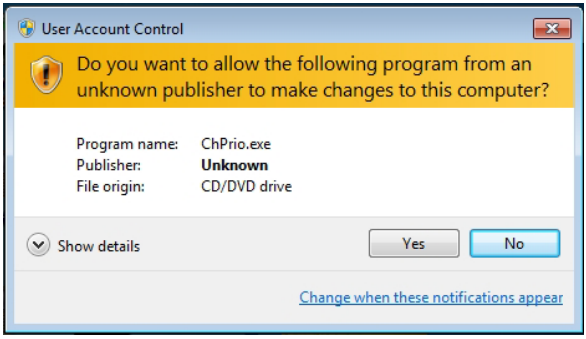

ATI Software
Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for ATI Software
The InstallShield® Wizard will install ATI Software on your computer. To continue, click Next.
< Back
Next >
Cancel

5. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the items.

Drivers and software are automatically installed in sequence. Follow the onscreen instructions, confirm commands and allow the computer to re-start a few times to complete the installation.

Windows 8 will show the following screen after system restart, you must select "Desktop" in the bottom left to install the next driver.

Windows 7/8/8.1 will appear below UAC (User Account Control) message after the system restart. You must select "Yes" to install the next driver. Continue this process to complete the drivers installation.


User Account Control
Do you want to allow the following program from an unknown publisher to make changes to this computer?
Program name: ChPrio.exe
Publisher: Unknown
File origin: CD/DVD drive
Show details
Yes
No
Change when these notifications appear

Manual Installation

If the auto-install DVD-ROM does not work on your system, you can still install drivers through the file manager for your OS (for example, Windows Explorer). Look for the chipset and motherboard model, and then browse to the directory and path to begin installing the drivers. Most drivers have a setup program (SETUP.EXE) that automatically detects your operating system before installation. Other drivers have the setup program located in the operating system subfolder.

If the driver you want to install does not have a setup program, browse to the operating system subfolder and locate the readme text file (README.TXT or README.DOC) for information on installing the driver or software for your operating system.

ECS Utility Software (Intelligent EZ Utility)

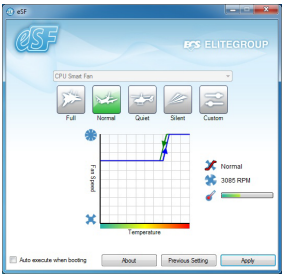
ECS Intelligent EZ Utility provides friendly interfaces under Windows O.S, which makes your computing more easily and conveniently.

These software(s) are subject to change at anytime without prior notice. Please refer to the support disk for available software.

eSF

eSF(Smart Fan) utility provides easy and safe way to adjust fan speed in accordance with your PC's system loading and temperature.

It has five modes to adjust fan speed in a safe range without entering the BIOS to optimize your system cooling environment.



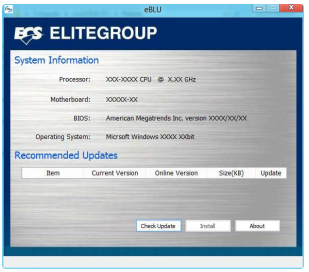
Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 is required.

eDLU

ECS eDLU utility makes updating drivers fast and easy. eDLU saves time and hassle by listing all the latest drivers online. Just select the one you prefer and start to download and install the drivers.

eBLU

ECS eBLU utility makes BIOS update faster and easier. eBLU will list the latest BIOS with a default check-mark. Click"install" button to install.



Microsoft .NET Framework 4.5 is required.

Chapter 5
Trouble Shooting

Start up problems during assembly

After assembling the PC for the first time you may experience some start up problems. Before calling for technical support or returning for warranty, this chapter may help to address some of the common questions using some basic troubleshooting tips. You may also log onto our ECS website for more information: *http:// www.ecs.com.tw/ECSWebSite/Support/Support_FAQ.aspx?MenuID=49&childid=M_49&LanID=0*

a) System does not power up and the fans are not running.

1. Disassemble the PC to remove the VGA adaptor card, DDR memory, LAN, USB and other peripherals including keyboard and mouse. Leave only the motherboard, CPU with CPU cooler and power supply connected. Make sure the power cord is plugged into the wall socket & the switch on the Power Supply Unit (PSU) is turned " on " as well. Turn on again to see if the CPU and power supply fans are running.

2. Make sure to remove any unused screws or other metal objects such as screwdrivers from the inside PC case. This is to prevent damage from short circuit.

3. Check the CPU FAN connector is connected to the motherboard.

4. For Intel platforms check the pins on the CPU socket for damage or bent. A bent pin may cause failure to boot and sometimes permanent damage from short circuit.

5. Check the 12V power connector is connected to the motherboard.

6. Check that the 12V power & ATX connectors are fully inserted into the motherboard connectors. Make sure the latches of the cable and connector are locked into place.

b) Power is on, fans are running but there is no display

1. Make sure the monitor is turned on and the monitor cable is properly connected to the PC.

2. Check the VGA adapter card (if applicable) is inserted properly.

3. Listen for beep sounds. If you are using internal PC speaker make sure it is connected.
   a. continuous 3 short beeps: memory not detected
   b. 1 long beep and 8 short beeps: VGA not detected

c) The PC suddenly shuts down while booting up.

1. The CPU may experience overheating so it will shutdown to protect itself. Apply the thermal grease onto the CPU heatsink & ensure the CPU fan is well-connected with the CPU heatsink. Check if the CPU fan is working properly while the system is running.

2. From the BIOS setting, try to disable the Smartfan function to let the fan run at default speed. Doing a Load Optimised Default will also disable the Smartfan.

Start up problems after prolong use

After a prolong period of use your PC may experience start up problems again. This may be caused by breakdown of devices connected to the motherboard such as HDD, CPU fan, etc. The following tips may help to revive the PC or identify the cause of failure.

1. Clear the CMOS values using the CLR_CMOS jumper. Refer to CLR_CMOS jumper in Chapter 2 for Checking Jumper Settings in this user manual. When completed, follow up with a Load Optimised Default in the BIOS setup.

2. Check the CPU cooler fan for dust. Long term accumulation of dust will reduce its effectiveness to cool the processor. Clean the cooler or replace a new one if necessary.

3. Check that the 12V power & ATX connectors are fully inserted into the motherboard connectors. Make sure the latches of the cable and connector are locked into place.

4. Remove the hard drive, optical drive or DDR memory to determine which of these components may be at fault.

5. Check whether there is any bulked up electrolytic capacitor or abnormal component.

Please logo onto our ECS website: http://www.ecs.com.tw/ECSWebSite/Support/Technical_Support_List.aspx?MenuID=50&LanID=0 for more information.

Maintenance and care tips

Your computer, like any electrical appliance, requires proper care and maintenance. Here are some basic PC care tips to help prolong the life of the motherboard and keep it running as best as it can.

1. Keep your computer in a well ventilated area. Leave some space between the PC and the wall for sufficient airflow.

2. Keep your computer in a cool dry place. Avoid dusty areas, direct sunlight and areas of high moisture content.

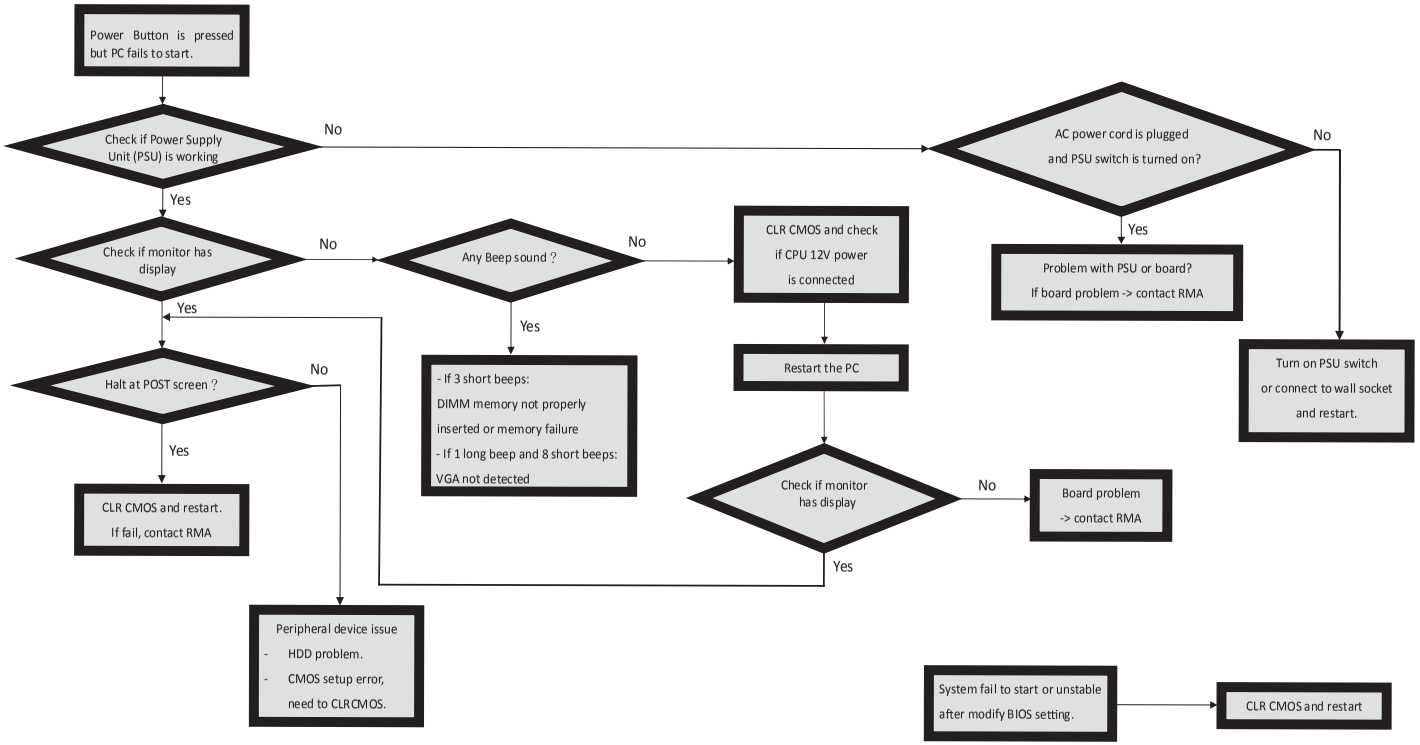
3. Routinely clean the CPU cooler fan to remove dust and hair.

4. In places of hot and humid weather you should turn on your computer once every other week to circulate the air and prevent damage from humidity.

5. Add more memory to your computer if possible. This not only speeds up the system but also reduces the loading of your hard drive to prolong its life span.

6. If possible, ensure the power cord has an earth ground pin directly from the wall outlet. This will reduce voltage fluctuation that may damage sensitive devices.

Basic Troubleshooting Flowchart


Power Button is pressed but PC fails to start.
Check if Power Supply Unit (PSU) is working
No
Yes
AC power cord is plugged and PSU switch is turned on?
No
Yes
Problem with PSU or board? If board problem -> contact RMA
Turn on PSU switch or connect to wall socket and restart.
Check if monitor has display
No
Yes
Any Beep sound ?
No
Yes
- If 3 short beeps: DIMM memory not properly inserted or memory failure
- If 1 long beep and 8 short beeps: VGA not detected
CLR CMOS and check if CPU 12V power is connected
Restart the PC
Check if monitor has display
No
Yes
Board problem -> contact RMA
Halt at POST screen ?
No
Yes
CLR CMOS and restart. If fail, contact RMA
Peripheral device issue
- HDD problem.
- CMOS setup error, need to CLRCMOS.
System fail to start or unstable after modify BIOS setting.
CLR CMOS and restart

Memo